

[25th August 1925]

Selection of Deputy Registrars of Co-operative Societies from Assistant Registrars.

* 363 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in appointing Deputy Registrars from the ranks of the Assistant Registrars the claims of some senior men with higher educational qualifications were overlooked; and

(b) if so, the reasons for this?

A.—(a) & (b) The claims of all officers were duly considered.

Exemption of Banks and Co-operative Societies from payment of Companies tax.

* 364 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether the question of exempting the Banks and Societies registered under the Co-operative Societies Act II of 1912 from payment of Companies tax is still under consideration or any order has been passed and, if so, to lay it on the table?

A.—The question is still under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—“In view of the fact that the matter has been under consideration for a long time, may I ask the hon. the Minister to expedite the same?”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—“Since the answer was given, the Local Self-Government has passed orders that these are to be exempted.”

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR:—“May I request the hon. the Minister to say when that order will be placed on the table?”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—“The order has been sent to the Press for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette*.”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR:—“May I know whether the order is merely ‘impotent’ with regard to local bodies or is it binding on them?”

Industries.*The strength of the Leather Trades Institute.*

* 365 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state the number of students on the rolls of the Leather Trades Institute in the current year, as well as in the two previous years?

A.—1923-24	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
1924-25	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
1925-26	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 up to date.

More admissions are expected.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR:—“May I know whether Government have not prescribed the date within which applications should be sent in for admission?”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—“No date.”

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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“Am I to understand that admissions are open throughout the year, and if so, I would like to know how the new students are able to get along with the old students?”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“Instruction is imparted to each student, and not as a class.”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“Does not the course of lectures begin at a fixed time?”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“The answer given to Mr. Ranganatha Mudaliyar will hold good.”

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—“May I know the cause of decline in the number of students year after year?”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“We expect more admissions.”

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—“Is there any explanation for the big fall in 1924-25?”

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—“In view of the answer that the lessons are taught to individual students, may I know whether there are any classes into which these are divided?”

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—“In view of the fact that there has been a regular decline in the number of students, do Government think that any useful purpose would be served by retaining this institute?”

The hon. Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI :—“We expect more students and therefore that question does not arise.”

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—“What makes the hon. the Minister expect more students when their number has been steadily and rapidly falling?”

Education.

Staff of the Government Victoria College, Palghat.

* 366 Q.—**Rao Sahib P. V. GOPALAN** : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the services of the staff of the lower forms of the Government Victoria College at Palghat are lent to the Palghat municipality or permanently transferred;

(b) the number and designation of officers thus lent or transferred;

(c) whether the period of service in the municipality will be considered as Government service or municipal service;

(d) whether their services are transferred to the municipality with or without their consent; and

(e) whether they are entitled to any pension?

A.—(a) The services of the staff employed in the Middle School department of the Government Victoria College, Palghat, have been temporarily transferred to the Municipal Council, Palghat, until such time as they can be absorbed in Government service elsewhere.